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## CATTLE ON FEED

### ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 297,000 head as of July 1, 2018. The latest inventory was slightly lower than last month's inventory but 21 percent above July 1, 2017. The inventory included 290,000 steers and steer calves, 21 percent above last year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 7,000 head, are the same as a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 22,000 head of fed cattle during June 2018, up 5 percent from the previous month and up 5 percent from the June 2017 marketings. An estimated 22,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June 2018, no change from last month and also no change from last year. Other disappearance for June 2018 was 1,000 head, no change from last month and no change from last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on July 1, 2017. The inventory was 4 percent above July 1, 2016. The inventory included 6.96 million steers and steer calves, up 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.86 million head, up 11 percent from 2016. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.77 million head, 16 percent above 2016. Net placements were 1.71 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 375,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 315,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 430,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 385,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 170,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.99 million head, 4 percent above 2016. Other disappearance totaled 56,000 head during June, 8 percent below 2016.

### UNITED STATES ALL CATTLE ON FEED UP 4 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for all feedlots totaled 13.3 million head on July 1, 2018. The inventory was up 4 percent from the July 1, 2017 total of 12.8 million head. Cattle on feed in feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head accounted for 84.8 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2018, up slightly from the previous year.

For a full copy of the July 2018 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).